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SUBJECT: UNESCO MEETING ON MASS MEDIA PRINCIPLES DECLARATION

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1. TRANSMITTED HERewith IS REVISED TEXT OF DRAFT DECLARATION
PREAMBLE AND NEW ARTICLES 1 TO 3 AS APPROVED BY EXPERTS AT
SUBJECT MEETING WITH ACQUIESCENCE OF SALANS (SEE REFTTEL).

2. QUOTE: DRAFT DECLARATION OF FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES
GOVERNING THE USE OF THE MASS MEDIA.

(Q) RECALLING THAT BY ITS CONSTITUTION UNESCO IS
CHARGED WITH CONTRIBUTING TO PEACE AND SECURITY BY PRO-
MOTING COLLABORATION AMONG THE NATIONS THROUGH EDUCATION,
SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND THAT, TO REALIZE THIS PURPOSE,
THE ORGANIZATION WILL COLLABORATE IN THE WORK OF ADVAN-
CING THE MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF PEOPLES
THROUGH ALL MEANS OF MASS COMMUNICATION AND TO THAT END
RECOMMEND SUCH INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO
PROMOTE THE FREE FLOW OF IDEAS BY WORD AND IMAGE,

(2) RECALLING THAT THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
SPECIFIED, AMONG THE PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS

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AMONG NATIONS BASED ON RESPECT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF

EQUAL RIGHTS, THE NON-INTERFERENCE IN MATTERS WITHIN THE DOMESTIC JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE, THE ACHIEVEMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND THE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,

(3) RECALLING ARTICLES 19 AND 26 OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 1948; ARTICLES 19 AND 20 OF THE INTERNATIONAL COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1966,

(4) ENDORSING THE RESOLUTION OF THE SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONDEMNING ALL FORMS OF PROPAGANDA WHICH ARE DESIGNED OR LIKELY TO PROVOKE OR ENCOURAGE ANY THREAT TO THE PEACE, BREACH OF THE PEACE, OR ACT OF AGGRESSION,

(5) CONFIRMING RESOLUTION 9.12 ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE ON 15 NOVEMBER 1968 REITERATING UNESCO'S OBJECTIVE TO HELP TO ERADICATE COLONIALISM AND RACIALISM,

(6) TAKING ACCOUNT OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, WHEREBY STATES PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION CONDEMN ALL PROPAGANDA AND ALL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ARE BASED ON IDEAS OR THEORIES OF SUPERIORITY OF ONE RACE OR GROUP OF PERSONS OF ONE COLOUR OR ETHNIC ORIGIN, OR WHICH ATTEMPT TO JUSTIFY OR PROMOTE RACIAL HATRED AND DISCRIMINATION IN ANY FORM, AND UNDERTAKE TO ADOPT IMMEDIATE AND POSITIVE MEASURES DESIGNED TO ERADICATE ALL INCITEMENT TO, OR ACTS OF, SUCH DISCRIMINATION

(7) BEARING IN MIND THE DECLARATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL COOPERATION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO, AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION, AND THE DECLARATION OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON THE USE OF SATELLITE BROADCASTING FOR THE FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION, THE SPREAD OF EDUCATION AND GREATER CULTURAL EXCHANGE, ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF UNESCO, AT IS SEVENTEENTH SESSION,

(8) CONSIDERING THAT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION, INFORMATION AND OPINIONS ARE FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND THAT THE FREE INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND OPINIONS, BOTH UNCLASSIFIED

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IN THE NATIONAL AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPHERES, IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS,

(9) CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ENTAILS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES FOR THOSE WHO DISSEMINATE INFORMATION; SUCH PERSONS MUST STRIVE IN GOOD FAITH TO ENSURE THE FULLNESS AND ACCURACY OF THE FACTS REPORTED AND TO RESPECT

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GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RACE,
SEX, NATIONALITY OR CREED.

(10) CONSIDERING FURTHER THAT FULL ACCOUNT MUST BE
TAKEN OF THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF AUDIENCES AND THE RIGHT
OF ALL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE
THEIR CULTURES AS PART OF THE COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND,

(11) NOTING THE RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASS MEDIA
WHICH CONSTITUTE ONE OF THE KEY ELEMENTS IN MODERN
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL PROGRESS, AND PLAY AN EVER-
INCREASING ROLE IN THE INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF SOCIETY AND
THE SHAPING OF PUBLIC OPINION,

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ARTICLE (REPLACES OLD ARTICLE II)

1. MASS MEDIA IN DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND
OPINION SHOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO DO SO IN
A MANNER WHICH IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE MUTUAL RESPECT
OF THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF STATES AND PEOPLES, AND
IN ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLES SET OUT IN THE UNIVERSAL
DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. SUBJECT TO ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR THE PRINCIPLES
OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND FREEDOM OF THE PRESS,
MEMBER STATES SHOULD EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENCOURAGE

MASS MEDIA WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION TO ACT IN CONFOR-
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MITY WITH THE PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS OF THE CHARTER OF
THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STRENGTHENING
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND COMBATTING
WAR PROPAGANDA, RACIALISM AND APARTHEID.

ARTICLE II (REPLACES OLD ARTICLE III)

1. THE RIGHT TO SEEK, RECEIVE AND TRANSMIT INFOR-
MATION SHOULD BE ASSURED IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE PUBLIC
TO ASCERTAIN FACTS AND APPRAISE EVENTS, BEARING IN MIND
THE PRINCIPES CONTAINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED
NATIONS AND THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE, THE WIDEST POSSIBLE
FACILITIES SHOULD BE AFFORDED FOR ACCESS BY THE PUBLIC
TO NEWS SOURCES, BOTH INTERNAL AND FOREIGN. STATES AND
INFORMATION MEDIA IN EACH COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT
TO DIFFUSE REPORTS OF NATIONAL EVENTS TO OTHERS BEYOND
THEIR BORDERS, SINCE THE TWO-WAY FLOW OF NEWS IS FUNDA-
MENTAL TO THE STRENGTHENING OF PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL
UNDERSTANDING.

ARTICLE III (REPLACES OLD ARTICLE V)

MASS MEDIA SHOULD PROMOTE GREATER KNOWLEDGE ON THE
PART OF THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD OF THE EVILS ATTENDANT
UPON WAR, VIOLENCE, APARTHEID AND OTHER FORMS OF NATIONAL,
RACIAL OR RELIGIOUS HATRED. CONVERSELY, THE DISSEMINA-
TION OF REPORTS CONDUCTIVE TO THESE EVILS IS CONDEMNED.
TO THIS END, LEGISLATIVE ACTION MIGHT BE ENVISAGED WHICH,
NEVERTHELESS, SHOULD PROTECT FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AS
DEFINED IN INTERNATIONAL INSTRUMENTS AND AGREEMENTS.
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